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Human Trafficking

Interested in seeing how different human trafficking is portrayed in the media as opposed to real life? Kappa Phi Lambda is hosting an event tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. as they discuss how different human trafficking is compared to what is portrayed in the hit blockbuster film "Taken." The event is free and located at GSB 2.122.

Halloween Carillon Concert announced

Music theory sophomore Austin Ferguson performs a fun-filled concert of Halloween favorites on the UT Tower. Selections include works by Bach, Van den Gheyn and some Hollywood favorites. Held from 5 to 5:45 p.m. at the UT Tower.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1959

U.S.S.R. and Egypt sign contracts for building the Aswan Dam. The Aswan Dam is a bank located across the Nile River in Aswan, Egypt. The dam is 3,830 metres long and it contains 43 million cubic meters of material.



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Senator Zaffirini supports Proposition 1

By Joshua Fechter

State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, former chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, expressed support Tuesday for a Nov. 6 ballot initiative that would increase property taxes in order to help fund a proposed UT medical school and teaching hospital.

Zaffirini, a UT alumni whose district encompasses a portion of Travis County, told The Daily Texan that although she will not be voting in Travis County, she hopes her constituents will vote in favor of the ballot initiative. She said the proposed medical school would aid the University's mission of providing comprehensive education and

serving Texas citizens.

Proposition 1 would increase property taxes collected by Central Health, Travis County's hospital district, from 7.89 cents to 12.9 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The increase would contribute \$35 million toward operations at the teaching hospital and purchase medical services from students and faculty of

the medical school for the general public.

"This is an opportunity to enhance education at UT in a new arena," Zaffirini said.

She said she hopes those who oppose Proposition 1 will consider how establishing a UT medical school will improve medical services in Travis County.

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Sen. Judith Zaffirini
D-Laredo

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Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

DJ Anthony Carter plays music for the Halloween Edition of Trailer Food Tuesdays at the Long Center for Performing Arts Tuesday night. Trailer Food Tuesdays occur every last Tuesday of the month.

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Panel discusses school-to-prison issue

By David Loewenberg

Minority students in low income communities are more likely to end up in a prison cell than in a college dorm, according to a panel hosted by Longhorn Teach for America Tuesday evening.

Panelists sought to identify factors contributing to educational inequality and rates of incarceration in America, specifically with respect to low-income minority students.

Leonard Moore, associate vice president of the Division

of Diversity and Community Engagement, said any effort seeking to alleviate the problem of education and incarceration of minorities must include the importance of family structure in the development of low-income youth.

"No matter what we do with a young man, at some point he's got to go home," Moore said. "And what we've found is if there's not a positive male role model there, daddy's not there, much of what you put into the child gets out of



Emily Ng | Daily Texan Staff

College of Education Professor Dr. Richard J. Reddick addresses the issue of education inequality and how it relates to incarceration Tuesday evening at the UTC.

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Link found in bomb threats

By David Maly

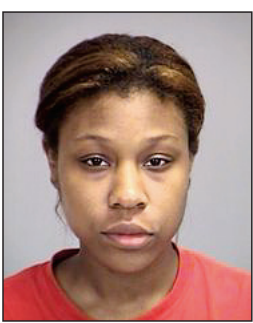
A connection has been made between the man charged with making a false email bomb threat against Texas A&M University on Oct. 19 and the woman charged with making three false email bomb threats against Texas State University on Oct. 18 and Oct. 19.

The Texas A&M University Police Department arrested Dereon Tayronne Kelly, 22, of Bryan in connection with a bomb threat that was emailed to Texas A&M's Computing Information Services Department on Oct. 19, forcing the evacuation of the entire university. Allan Baron, Texas A&M police spokesperson,



Dereon Tayronne Kelly
Bomb threat suspect

said Kelly is an acquaintance of Brittany Nicole Henderson, 19, who was arrested Oct. 23 by Bryan police for making one email bomb threat against Texas State on Oct. 18 that forced the evacuation of three campus buildings and two email bomb threats the next day. University operations



Brittany Nicole Henderson
Bomb threat suspect

were not affected by the second and third bomb threats.

Texas A&M and Texas State police said no bombs were found in either case. The targeted area of Texas State, its admissions building, was searched Oct. 18, and the entire Texas A&M campus was

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UNIVERSITY

AISD says play is unfit for elementary students

By Bobby Blanchard

UT is looking to perform "And Then Came Tango" for private and charter schools after they reached a decision with Austin Independent School Districts to stop performing the play for the district's elementary schools.

After UT's first performance earlier this month, AISD stopped a 10-performance tour so administrators could review whether the play was appropriate for second graders. "And Then Came Tango" is about two male penguins who adopt an abandoned egg, which a young girl steals to make the penguins happy. The

original play is based on the real-life events at Central Park in New York, where a zookeeper gave two male penguins an egg to care for.

When AISD first decided to discontinue the tour for further review earlier in October, Brant Pope, head of the theatre and dance department, said it was not made clear to him what AISD's specific concerns were. After the first play was performed Oct. 16, theatre and dance professor Coleman Jennings emailed Gregory Goodman, AISD's fine arts director.

"The principal ... was

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CAMPUS



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During a panel discussion hosted by the Department of Sociology on Tuesday afternoon, panel member Juan Portillo, a PhD student in sociology, discusses the issue of race, gender and class-related incidents that have occurred on campus.

Panel explores minority issues

By Christine Ayala

Students have the power to organize themselves to make the University a more accepting place, student and faculty panelists said at a discussion Tuesday.

During the event hosted by the Department of Sociology, panelists said the University's social structure and learning environment marginalizes minority students.

Juan Portillo, a sociology graduate student who led the panel, said recent reports of bleach balloons being thrown in West Campus and race-themed parties hosted by students are examples of struggles minority students face. Portillo said the University's structure caters to white male students and faculty, which creates tension on campus. Portillo said students are discrimi-

nated against by their race, gender and sexuality or a combination of these different identities.

Portillo said everyday interactions that question someone's presence on campus can cause students to feel estranged. He said a white-centric curriculum can also disconnect minority students from their classmates and professors.

"If you point out someone's accent or question their citizenship status or you joke about a woman's intelligence, this may not sound to some people as great grievances, but they add up and they take a huge toll on the students," Portillo said.

Rocio Villalobos, panelist and Multicultural Engagement Center program coordinator, said the nature of the University may cause minority students to struggle finding

acceptance on campus and force them to create new student organizations to meet their needs.

"Many of these efforts to make the institution not only a more welcoming space but a place that is truly supportive have been led by students of color," Villalobos said. "Students have a long history of pushing for changes on campus for their needs and interests and concerns to be taken seriously in a way that acknowledges that they exist at the intersection of these multiple identities."

Panelist Marianna Anaya, an ethnic studies and radio-television-film junior, said she could not find an organization on campus that offered her support as both a Chicana and lesbian. Anaya co-founded La Colectiva Femenil, which she said aims to support feminine queer-

identified students through discussions of identity to encourage empowerment.

"There was no space for us in Latino groups or queer groups or in female-centered groups," Anaya said. "There really wasn't a place for this intersectionality to take place, so we made one. We were so frustrated, and there was really no other place to discuss these issues."

Villalobos said La Colectiva Femenil is an example of how students can embrace their struggles to find a place of acceptance.

"We have to actively create opportunities to make these discussions more visible and public and stop silencing the ways in which we have been deeply wounded as a result of our existence at the intersection of these multiple identities," Villalobos said.

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searched Oct. 19.

UT received a false phone-in bomb threat that prompted the evacuation of the campus Sept. 14. Bob Harkins, associate vice president of Campus Safety and Security, said UT officials do not believe the threat is related to the bomb threats

made against Texas A&M and Texas State.

According to a press release issued by Texas A&M police Monday, Texas A&M Police Department investigators, the FBI and several other law enforcement agencies were able to link Kelly to the threat through his

cellphone, and Henderson remains a person of interest in that case.

Daniel Benitez, captain of operations for the Texas State University Police Department, said Henderson's arrest came after Texas State police were able to link the threat to her email account.

Kelly was arrested at the Brazos County Jail, where he was being held for unrelated charges. He has been charged with making a terroristic threat, a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Henderson was charged

with three counts of making a terroristic threat and three counts of making a false alarm, a misdemeanor.

Kelly and Henderson remain in the Brazos County Jail. Kelly is being held on \$150,000 bond each and Henderson on \$300,000 bond.

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him by 9:00 that night."

The panel also included Chris Evoy, Austin ISD police captain, and Richard Reddick, assistant professor of education. Evoy spoke of AISD's attempts at decriminalization in schools where police seek to educate first rather than write a citation or make an arrest. Evoy emphasized the importance of taking a holistic approach when considering discipline problems with students.

"What is the root of the problem? Have we talked to this student? Part of decriminalization is

finding out what the problem is," Evoy said. "This isn't a student that's going to go away. He's still in the classroom. If we take him to jail, he's coming back. So we have to figure out what's going on."

The event was hosted by Longhorn Teach for America, an organization that supports Teach for America, a program in which recent college graduates teach for two years at schools in low-income communities. In 2012, 61 UT college graduates were admitted to the program, tying with Georgetown University as the 10th highest contributor among all universities.

Melissa Dunn, government and supply chain management senior and campus

campaign coordinator for Longhorn Teach for America, said she hoped the panel would shed light on the pervasive nature of education inequality in America.

"We want people to understand that the education gaps don't end at the classroom," Dunn said. "The effects permeate the education, economic and justice systems in this country."

Reddick reflected on his own experiences as a teacher and offered advice to students pursuing a teaching profession.

"I feel, as a teacher, it's my job to control my classroom," Reddick said. "And I did that in some ways that I don't think you can learn in a pedagogical classroom.

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very upset by the content," Jennings said in his email, obtained by an open records request. "She was heard to say if she had known what the play was about she would not have allowed it be at Lee [Elementary School]."

In his response, Goodman said the schools needed more time to prepare for the content of the play.

"Elementary schools typically, most especially in the primary grades, do not delve into human sexuality, religion or other politically hot topics," Goodman said in his email.

In an interview earlier this month, Pope said UT provided AISD with materials relating to "And Then Came Tango" and was explicit about the play's content before the first performance. However, in a letter sent from Goodman to Jennings Tuesday, Goodman said UT was not clear enough.

"The underlying message and content delivery was not clearly presented to our school's principals," Goodman said.

Cassie Gholston, marketing director for UT's

department of theatre and dance, said because students were performing the play for class credit, UT still wants to give the students a chance to perform the play.

"AISD wanted more time to look at the play," Gholston said. "For us to be able to move forward for the class, it was best to go ahead and agree jointly with AISD that we wanted to stop the tour."

Gholston said the decision to discontinue the tour will not cause problems for UT's relationship with AISD in the future.

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Zaffirini served as chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee from its establishment in 2009 until October, when Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst replaced her with State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo. Zaffirini currently serves as a member of the committee with State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, who has worked with the University for the past six years to establish a medical school.

In a phone interview, Watson said he is not surprised by Zaffirini's endorsement because of her advocacy for higher education.

"It's wonderful to have someone with her level of expertise supporting Proposition 1," Watson said.

He said the University will not be able to establish a medical school without the revenue generated by the property tax increase.

"Without Prop. 1's passage, UT will lose out on the ability to [establish a medical school]," Watson said.

During a press conference Tuesday, UT President William Powers Jr. said the University does not have an alternate stream of revenue to fund the medical school, making the passage of Proposition 1 essential to establishing the school.

"If there are other ways to get that done, we're open to that," Powers said.

If voters approve Proposition 1, it will not take effect until a U.S. district court conducts a hearing regarding the legality of the proposition's ballot language. Last week Travis County Taxpayers Union, a political action committee that opposes Proposition 1, sued Central Health, alleging that the proposition's ballot language violates the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965 by misleading voters and expressing advocacy for the proposition. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14.

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Healthy eating starts with us

By Amil Malik

Daily Texan Columnist

As a frequent patron of Littlefield Patio Cafe, I have noticed a common lunch choice among the students dining there: pizza. For those of you who have not seen it, Littlefield Patio Cafe’s pizza is a sight: thick crust, dripping with brushed-on butter, and enough cheese per slice to cover a whole pizza pie. I’m not talking about a crisp brick oven, New York-style thin crust pizza. No. Think a slice of Texas toast plus a cup of cheese dripping in fat. That is what you get in one slice of Littlefield’s pizza.

OK, I exaggerate a bit. But my point is still valid. College students’ diets are neither healthy nor varied. When I confronted some of my peers about their eating habits, most of them responded with something to the effect of, “Healthy food is not available on campus, and if it is, it’s expensive.”

But my friends’ complaints are not true. Over the past eight to nine years, the Division of Housing and Food Services at UT has been working hard to provide more nutritious food in the cafeterias. The department has had considerable success.

According to Executive Chef Robert Mayberry, DHFS partners with the Sustainable Food Center to provide local,

healthier meal options to students. For example, many of the vegetables served this month (such as potatoes, lettuce, and arugula) are from local farms. The boiled eggs in Kinsolving are organic eggs from Vital Farms, a local establishment. The tortillas are locally cooked, too.

Recently, DHFS has added a nutritionist to their team and nutritional information for menu items at Jester, Kinsolving, Littlefield and Cypress Bend are available online. The staff has also marked locally grown produce with special symbols — a Texas sign for local foods and a red recycling sign for sustainable eats.

In other words, healthier options are available, for the same price as unhealthy food, all over campus. Students just have to know to look for them.

Some questions remain unanswered. Why is junk food still available, and why do college students choose it over healthier options? If there is a crisis of eating habits on campuses in this country, is it the responsibility of the dining halls to stop serving calorie-and-cheese-laden pizza, or the students’ to stop demanding it?

According to Chef Mayberry, stopping the provision of healthier foods in the cafeteria is nearly impossible because “people have come to expect they can get anything they want at any time.” Such an approach doesn’t work when you are offered only sustainable, local eats. Even more of it has to do

Littlefield Cafe’s pizza is a sight: thick crust, dripping with brushed-on butter, and enough cheese per slice to cover a whole pie.

with students’ unwillingness to re-learn how to eat. Mayberry notes that students are reluctant to educate themselves on healthy eating. “A person has to want to change. There is just a lot of junk food out there,” he said.

How willing are students to stop eating junk food? Vivian Yee recently reported in the New York Times about how grade school students have thrown lunches on the floor in protest of changes toward healthier meals.

College dining halls do at times resemble elementary school lunchrooms, but if students on this campus truly want to shift toward healthier eating habits, they must distinguish themselves from third-graders and accept that the burden is on them to exercise their power as consumers.

Yesterday afternoon, while brushing butter on a pie’s golden crust, one Littlefield Patio Cafe employee paused to tell me that the cafe sells around 80 pizzas a day. If UT students are serious about increasing the quantity of “good” food available on campus, they must indicate so in their dining habits.

Malik is a Plan II and Business Honors Program freshman.

GALLERY



Lauren Moore | Daily Texan Cartoonist

Endorsements:
Vote ‘Yes’ on Prop. 1 and 4

Editor’s note: The Daily Texan Editorial Board offers our take on Proposition 1 and 4 in the Austin special election here. Early voting is happening now until Nov. 2, and general voting takes place on Nov. 6. You can find polling locations and other voting information online at votetexas.gov.

Proposition 1: YES

Proposition 1 in the Austin special election asks voters if the general election date should be moved from May to November. This is an easy “yes.” Moving the election date will ensure UT students are more likely to participate in the election, which determines Austin’s mayor and city council members. Under the current election schedule, these positions receive little attention from college-aged voters. Proposition 1 stands to increase participation in city government among all city residents, not just UT students, by grouping city elections with national elections. And the city will save money by combining election costs. We join Student Government in endorsing Proposition 1.

Proposition 4: YES

Proposition 4 entails a change to the city charter that would refashion the city council. Instead of a seven-member body of at-large councilpersons and the mayor, the council would consist of an eleven-member body that would be made up of two at-large councilpersons, eight council members representing specific geographic districts within the city and the mayor.

The council structure suggested by the proposition balances local and city-wide interests by including at-large members on the council.

Students stand to benefit from the single-member geographic districts mandated by Proposition 4 because the city council members who would represent council districts with high student populations — those that might include West Campus, Riverside and the Forty Acres — would advocate for student issues at city council. Stories in the Texan and columns run on this page suggest that the city would do well to pay more attention to the concerns of students, and single-member city council districts are a better way to attune the city to students’ needs. The power of the student vote, which under the current all-at-large council setup is diluted by non-student voters in the rest of the city, would encourage candidates vying for council positions that represent student populations to pay attention to student concerns.

Single-member geographic districts are also central to Proposition 3, a competing ballot item that calls for ten council members from single-member geographic districts and no at-large members. The omission of at-large members creates a situation wherein council members would be focused on the districts they represent, possibly at the expense of the well-being of the city as a whole. The inclusion of at-large council members in Proposition 4 provides a better balance between localized and city-wide concerns, while expanding the council to better represent the needs of our growing and diverse city.

Don’t break my fall

By Edgar Walters

Daily Texan Columnist

Sweater weather in Austin is short-lasting and something to be enjoyed, preferably outdoors. Who in his right mind wants to spend those three tragically short weeks in overheated classrooms, punctuated only by brisk walks to extended dates with the library?

Many students, citing the nearly three months without holiday between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, complain about our lack of a fall break. After all, many of UT’s private peer institutions have one. This February, echoing popular sentiment, Student Government passed a resolution in favor of instating a fall break.

Many faculty members are on board as well. Kirsten Belgum, associate professor in the department of Germanic Studies, supports a brief fall break as a measure that could be “mentally, psychologically good for everybody.” Depending on the timing, Belgum says a two-day break could provide some mid-semester relief to students without interrupting their momentum. It could also resolve the issue of the seemingly arbitrary Wednesday start date for the fall semester by pushing it back to Monday.

As much as the idea of a few more days of vacation appeals to me, some faculty opinions that differ from the student consensus make sense. David Laude, senior vice provost and professor in the College of Natural Sciences, says that a fall break would be counterproductive because of its interference with crucial lab time. Large, laboratory-based classes, which require special setup and take-down procedures, are generally only feasible during full weeks. In that regard, the fall semester is already at a disadvantage. Given fall’s Wednesday start, Labor Day and Thanksgiving, the semester offers only about 80 percent of the number of full weeks that spring does. Adding a two-day fall break would contribute yet another broken week without labs. Laude says that’s something the College of Natural Sciences can’t afford.

A new two-day break also runs the risk of becoming too popular among students who are apt to take a mile out of their given inch. The Wednesday before fall’s current two-day break, Thanksgiving, already suffers from widespread class cancellations. Additionally, bus services like the Texas Express encourage students to go ahead and skip by offering only an early Wednesday departure time. Professors know to avoid assigning papers or exams for that day unless they want to make their students as unhappy as the bloated turkeys they travel home expecting to eat. A similar “Thanks-

A new two-day break also runs the risk of becoming too popular among students who are apt to take a mile out of their given inch.

giving effect” could conceivably plague any prospective fall break, encouraging students to take an unintentionally extended vacation.

While the marathon stretch of the fall semester is academically demanding, the costs of a fall break outweigh the benefits. But the University might still consider restructuring the calendar in other ways that could improve the semester for both students and faculty. Officially canceling classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving would eliminate the skip-or-not conundrum and provide an opportunity to start classes earlier during the first week of the semester.

For now, students should continue to make the most out of our short autumn despite its coinciding with a busy time of the semester. A fall break sounds nice, but it would be as difficult to implement as it would be to predict the fall weather.

Walters is a Plan II junior from Houston.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Syria activists report 23 dead in suburb

BEIRUT — Airstrikes by Syrian jets and shells from tanks leveled a neighborhood in a restive city near the capital of Damascus on Tuesday, killing 18 people, and at least five rebel fighters died nearby in clashes with regime troops, activists said.

The airstrikes on the city of Douma, northeast of the capital, left residents scampering over a huge expanse of rubble and using their hands to dig up mangled bodies.

Scenes of vast destruction like those from Douma on Tuesday have grown more common as rebels seeking to topple President Bashar Assad have made gains on the ground, and Assad's forces have responded with overwhelming air power.

Hazardous release sickens 200 in N.M.

SANTA TERESA, N.M. — New Mexico authorities say an unknown hazardous material release sickened about 200 people Tuesday near the Mexican border just northwest of El Paso, Texas.

A one-mile area surrounding the industrial park and border crossing at Santa Teresa was evacuated for a few hours Tuesday, and the nearby airport was closed. By Tuesday afternoon, only the industrial park remained off-limits as hazmat crews took samples to determine what made the people sick.

A New Mexico National Guard support team was en route to help with monitoring and testing.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports



A firefighter surveys the smoldering ruins of a house in the Breezy Point section of New York, Tuesday. More than 50 homes were destroyed in a fire that swept through the oceanfront community during Super-storm Sandy.

Mark Lennihan Associated Press

New Yorkers face changes day after Sandy

By Colleen Long & Erin McClam Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stripped of its bustle and mostly cut off from the world, New York was left wondering Tuesday when its particular way of life — carried by subway, lit by skyline and powered by 24-hour deli — would return.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the power company said it could be several days before the lights come on for hundreds of thousands of people plunged into darkness by what was once Hurricane Sandy.

And Bloomberg said it could be four or five days

before the subway, which suffered the worst damage in its 108-year history, is running again. All 10 of the tunnels that carry New Yorkers under the East River were flooded.

Sandy killed 10 people in New York City. The dead included two who drowned in a home and one who was in bed when a tree fell on an apartment, the mayor said. A 23-year-old woman died after stepping into a puddle near a live electrical wire.

“This was a devastating storm, maybe the worst that we have ever experienced,” Bloomberg said.

For the 8 million people who live here, the city was a different place one day after the storm.

In normal times, rituals bring a sense of order to the chaos of life in the nation's largest city: Stop at Starbucks on the morning walk with the dog, drop the kids off at P.S. 39, grab a bagel.

On Tuesday, those rituals were suspended, with little indication when they would come back. Schools were shut for a second day and were closed Wednesday, too.

Some bridges into the city reopened at midday, but service on the three commuter railroads that run between the city and its suburbs was still suspended.

The New York Stock

Exchange was closed for a second day, the first time that has happened because of weather since the 19th century, but said it would reopen on Wednesday.

Swaths of the city were not so lucky. Consolidated Edison, the power company, said it would be four days before the last of the 337,000 customers in Manhattan and Brooklyn who lost power have electricity again.

For the Bronx, Queens, Staten Island and Westchester County, with 442,000 outages, it could take a week, Con Ed said. Floodwater led to explosions that disabled a

power substation on Monday night, contributing to the outages.

A fire destroyed as many as 100 houses in a flooded beachfront neighborhood in Queens. Firefighters said the water was chest-high on the street and they had to use a boat to make rescues.

The landscape of the city changed in a matter of hours.

The mayor said: “We will get through the days ahead by doing what we always do in tough times — by standing together, shoulder to shoulder, ready to help a neighbor, comfort a stranger and get the city we love back on its feet.”

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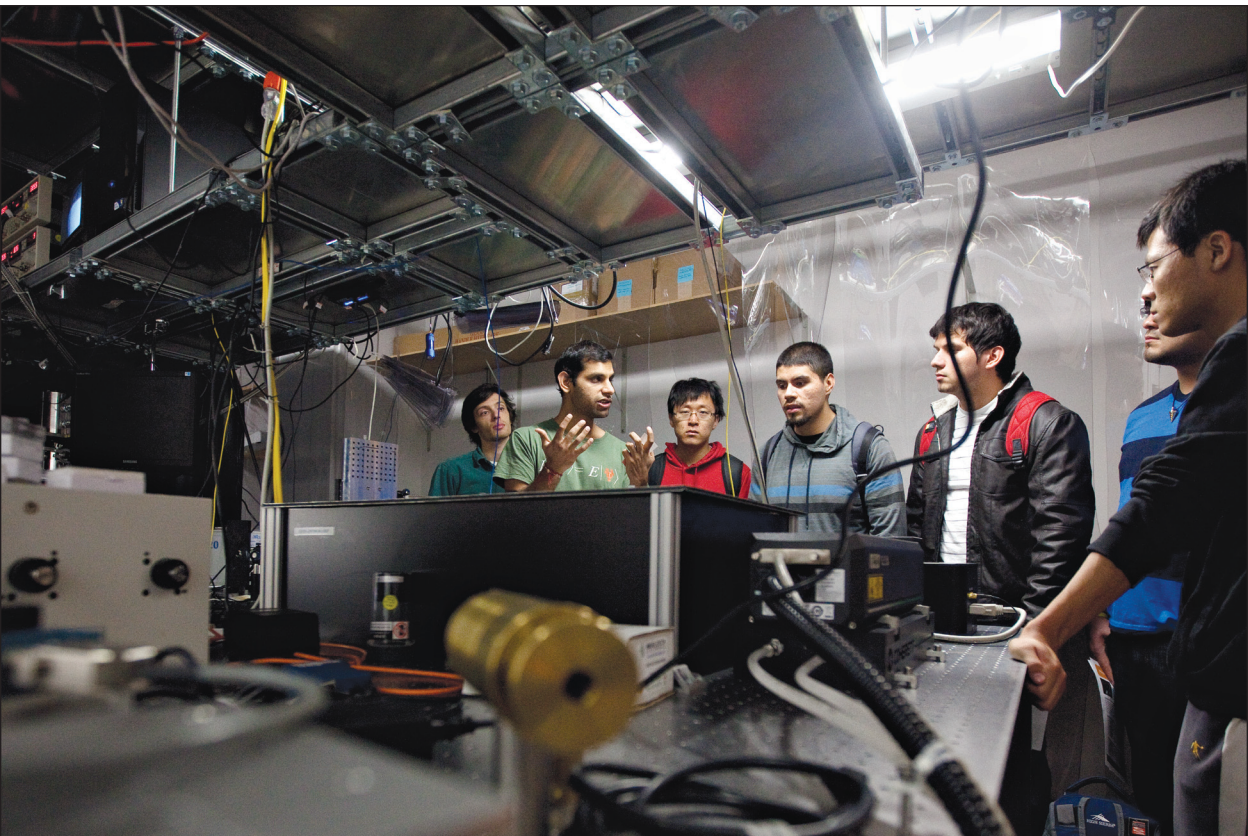
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Physics graduate student Akshay Singh, left, explains nano-photonics to students visiting the optics lab Monday afternoon. The physics department hosted its open house with tours and demonstrations of various labs and studies in Robert L. Moore Hall.

Department of Physics hosts students at smashingly sucessful open house

By Bobby Blanchard

The UT Department of Physics' open house ended with a splat Tuesday afternoon as watermelons fell 224 feet at 55 miles per hour in about 2-and-half seconds.

The event opened 21 labs in Robert Lee Moore Hall for college and high school students to tour in hopes of introducing them to the physics community and department at UT. After the tours ended, officers in the Society of Physics Students dropped watermelons off the top of the 224-foot-tall RLM to ensure they fell at the same rate.

"It's nice to make sure gravity still works sometimes,"

Joseph Crowley, Society of Physics Students outreach coordinator, said. "And it's nice to just throw some fruit."

Crowley said one of the reasons for hosting the event was to introduce freshmen and sophomores to the life of a physicist.

"We want the rest of the UT community to know what we do," Crowley said. "We sound like big, scary scientists hiding in our caves, but we want people to see what it is actually like."

Jonathan Blair, Society of Physics Students secretary, said another reason for the event was to introduce high school students to the UT campus.

"We wanted to invite high school students over so we can give them an introduction to college and show them why UT is really awesome," Blair said.

One of the 21 labs hosts the world's most powerful laser, the Petawatt Laser. Students were able to observe the laser behind a glass window.

"We wanted to make sure everyone could get something out of this and have a good time," Blair said.

He said the event was a success. Blair said the organization estimated 300 people would attend the event, but more than 500 showed up.

The Society of Physics Students helped UT's physics department plan and host the event. Evan Ott, Society of Physics Students president, said he hoped

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Its nice to make sure gravity still works sometimes. And its nice to just throw some fruit.

— Joseph Crowley, Society of Physics Students outreach coordinator

the Department of Physics can put on the event again in the future.

"One of the things we wanted to do was prove the Society of Physics Students could provide assistance in setting this up," Blair said.

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UT alumni and Texas Sen. Judith Zaffirini speaks at a ceremony in her honor on Tuesday. Her son, Carlos Zaffarini, Jr., also a UT alumni, named a scholarship after her.

Scholarship named for Senator Zaffirini

By Alexa Ura

The Texas Exes announced a new scholarship named for Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a long-time champion of affordable higher education.

The Senator Judith Zaffirini Scholarship was announced Tuesday morning during a ceremony hosted by the Texas Exes, the independent UT alumni organization. The scholarship will first be awarded to one student in fall 2013 and will be awarded to multiple students per year in the future.

Judith Zaffirini's 30-year-old son, Carlos Zaffirini Jr., will endow the scholarship for high school seniors from South Texas, with preference for students from Webb, Starr or Zapata counties. The scholarship will be renewable for up to four years if students maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

"What we all wish for our children is not be like us but to be better than us," Judith Zaffirini said. "Not to match our accomplishments but to surpass them. Ladies and gentlemen, I think I have succeeded."

Zaffirini, whose legislative priorities include adequate funding for financial aid programs, has authored bills in support of funding for financial assistance programs and helped establish the B-On-Time Loan Program, a state loan program that offers students loan forgiveness.

Both Zaffirini and her son earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from UT.

"If you look across this room, there's a lot of people from all parts of the state and even different parts of the country," Carlos Zaffirini Jr. said. "There's one thing that we all have in common: the University of Texas made our lives better. The goal of this

scholarship is to make this state and this country better the way my mom did."

Judith Zaffirini formerly chaired the Higher Education Committee since its inception in 2009. Beginning in 2005, she chaired the Higher Education Subcommittee before it was upgraded to a regular committee.

In 1987 she joined the senate as the first Hispanic woman to be elected into the position.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst recently reappointed Judith Zaffirini to chair the Senate Committee on Government Organization, but she will continue to serve on the higher education committee as general member.

UT System chancellor Francisco Cigarroa said the Zaffirini family understands the importance of financial assistance for students in South Texas.

"One of the UT System's highest priorities is improving education and health in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley," Cigarroa said. "This scholarship will support hardworking, qualified students who may not have been able to attend the University of Texas because of financial circumstances."

UT President William Powers Jr. said Texas Exes scholarships, including the Senator Judith Zaffirini Scholarship, help the University attract a diverse student body.

"[Scholarships] also stand for the proposition of what public and great public universities are about," Powers said. "In every way, scholarships are so critical and that is one of the things we're celebrating today."

The Texas Exes will manage the scholarship. The alumni association awards close to \$2 million in scholarships to about 700 students annually.

Minority students treated too harshly, senators say

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

State senators worried Tuesday that Texas has gone too far in imposing a zero-tolerance policy for bad behavior in schools, noting that minority students are bearing the brunt of the punishment and school police officers are writing too many tickets for insignificant infractions.

Tony Fabelo, an Austin-based criminal justice consultant, told a joint committee meeting of the Senate Criminal Justice and Education Committees that a study following students from seventh grade to high school graduation showed that 83 percent of black male students and 70 percent of black female students statewide faced at least one disciplinary action.

The cases involved students being written up for poor behavior at school officials' discretion, not for major violations that would mandate disciplinary action, Fabelo said.

He said students with special needs of all races were far more likely than others to face disciplinary action. Still, black students in Texas were 31 percent more likely to be involved in cases of discretionary violations but 23 percent less likely to face mandatory expulsion, refuting any suggestion that black students simply behaved worse than students of other races, according to Fabelo.

Sen. Royce West, a Dallas Democrat, seized on the fact that eight of out of 10 black boys had faced at least one incident of disciplinary action.

"That's ridiculous, and everyone in this room knows that's ridiculous," he said. "I'm tired of being sick and tired of this issue."

David Anderson, general counsel of the Texas Education Agency, reported that during the 2010-2011 school year, about 14.5 percent of students — or 730,000 across the state — faced some type of disciplinary action. Fully 12 percent faced in-school suspension, with most of the rest being suspended out of school or expelled.

Both he and Fabelo agreed that Texas is a leader among states in ensuring expelled students are referred to another school or juvenile offenders' program, rather than thrown out on the street.

FOOTBALL

While junior wide receiver Mike Davis leads the team with 34 catches and four touchdowns this season, his recent dropped passes have been cause for concern. Davis dropped two passes against Baylor, but also managed to make 67-yard catch in the same game.



Lawrence Peart
Daily Texan Staff

Drops don't get to Davis

By Lauren Giudice

Mike Davis has become David Ash's go-to guy. He leads the team with 34 catches for 559 yards and four touchdowns but has struggled with dropped passes. He's averaging 16.4 yards per catch, but many of his missed catches have not required much skill and a few

of them have been on potentially game-changing plays. During Texas' 56-50 win over Baylor, Davis had two drops, including one on a 3rd-and-14. "Sometimes you have to talk to Mike," Ash said. "When Mike makes mistakes, it's not like he doesn't care. It bothers him. He's a competitor, and he works hard for what he does, and

whenever he messes up it bothers him." After a drop against Oklahoma State, Davis caught a 32-yard pass to get the Longhorns on the OSU 5-yard line with less than a minute left. Despite the drops against Baylor, he also had a career-high 148 yards and a career-long 67-yard catch, a testament to the short memory

I just felt like whenever I don't do my job I let my team down, and I want another opportunity to make it right. — Mike Davis, wide receiver he seems to have. "I just felt like whenever I don't do my job I let my team down, and I want another opportunity to make it right," Davis said. During practice the coaches have players repeat DAVIS continues on page 8

STAT GUY

McCoy outplays Ash in pressure situations

By Hank South
Daily Texan Columnist

Not four weeks ago, David Ash was positioned securely as the Longhorns' quarterback and drawing early Heisman hype after leading Texas to an undefeated record. Following a dismal showing against Oklahoma and a rough three quarters against the No. 83 ranked defense in Kansas, junior quarterback Case McCoy stepped in and replaced Ash. With Texas trailing in the fourth quarter in Lawrence, McCoy helped the Longhorns surmount the Jayhawks, avoiding what could have been one of the worst upsets in Texas history. Rewind to last year, and the Longhorns were in a similar position of quarterback indecisiveness, although this year Ash remains the lone starter. Let's take a look at how the two quarterbacks have

compared throughout their Longhorn careers. Ash has shown flashes of greatness during his tenure at the 40 Acres. The quarterback has compiled 2,805 yards passing, 16 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. The former Belton prep-star has a 63 percent completion rate and has averaged a 131 passer efficiency rating. Let's compare that to McCoy, who received the majority of his playing time in 2011. In his career, McCoy has passed for 1,268 yards, 11 touchdowns and four interceptions (all four interceptions came against Baylor last season.) The junior has a 61 percent completion rate and has averaged a 170 passer efficiency mark. Fairly similar numbers, considering that McCoy had five starts compared to Ash's 14. Let's dive deeper into the stats, comparing the two quarterbacks in

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CAREER STATS

	Ash	McCoy
Touchdowns	16	11
Interceptions	13	4
Pass Completion Rate	64%	62%
Yards	2,805	1,268

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Despite a slow first half, the Texas defense led by senior safety Kenny Vaccaro, allowed a meager three points from the Kansas Jayhawks.

Defense steps up after halftime

By Chris Hummer

The Texas defense was gashed for more than 100 yards on the ground and two touchdowns in the second quarter of Saturday's game against Kansas. But in the second half something changed. All 11 members of the unit began to attack the ball on every snap, and the Longhorns buckled down to surrender only three points during the final two quarters.

"Guys just played faster," cornerback Quandre Diggs said. "Kind of just see ball, hit ball. We have 11 guys swarming to the ball, just getting after it. It's always fun to see as we watched film yesterday just guys attacking the ball; everybody jumps on the pile." Defensive coordinator Manny Diaz went back to the basics, and it paid dividends. "We just went back to our base stuff," Diggs said. "Our defense isn't very

complicated. It's just mental lapses here and there." Bowl eligibility not enough With their win against Kansas Saturday, the Longhorns became bowl-eligible for the second year in a row. At Texas, becoming bowl-eligible didn't use to be an accomplishment, but after a 5-7 season in 2010, it's a marked achievement for this squad. "It's a little bit of weight BOWL continues on page 8

SIDELINE

NBA

WIZARDS 84

CAVALIERS 94

CELTICS 76

HEAT 93

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LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Daniel Gibson, Guard -10 points

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TOP TWEET

Mike Davis @MikeDavis_1 "What a great day of practice....Tired zzzzzzzz"

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Soccer players earn academic accolades Just before the Big 12 Championship, the UT women's soccer team is staying sharp both on and off the field. Nine student-athletes were named to the 2012 Academic All-Big 12 Teams, the most for UT since 2007. Honorees include sophomore Julie Arnold, senior Kristin Cummins, sophomore Brooke Gilbert, sophomore Cierra Grubbs, senior Kara Hoffman, junior Brenda Saucedo and sophomore Allison Smith. Senior Hannah Higgins was awarded second-team honors. Athletes earn the award by earning at least a 3.20 grade-point average for first-team honors and a 3.00 grade-point average for second-team honors. The student-athletes must have also participated in sixty percent of the scheduled games. Cummins has earned the award three times, while Higgins was awarded second-team honors for the third consecutive year. — Rachel Thompson

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NFL STORYLINES

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RECAP

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | GARRETT CALLAHAN

Tuesday night brought smiles to the Longhorns' faces at the Frank Erwin Center as the women's basketball team dominated the University of the Incarnate Word. The exhibition game had Texas written all over it as it took down the Cardinals 77-33. The Longhorns played two strong halves as they more than doubled the score of Incarnate Word. Texas started out strong as it went on a 13-0 run. After the first half, it held its opponent to just 25 while

scoring 41. In the second half, the Texas defense again outshined the Cardinals as it held them to just eight points while the team was able to score 36 points in the last 20 minutes. Junior guard Chassidy Fussell tallied 18 points while also recording five assists and seven rebounds. Head coach Karen Aston was all business in her first game back with the Longhorns, rarely sitting down as her team controlled the

game. Despite only shooting two three-pointers and turning the ball over 25 times, Aston was pleased with her team's overall performance. "I thought they shared the ball well," Aston said. "If we don't turn it over, I think we'll see more assists. We shot the ball really well." With one game under its belt, the team can go into its season with more confidence and awareness of how they need to play to avenge last season's disappointing end.



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Junior guard Chassidy Fussell rallies for 18 points against Incarnate Word.

RECAPS

MEN'S GOLF RECAP | PETER SPLENDORIO

The Texas Longhorns men's golf team finished the Stanford Classic at Cypress Point with a bang Tuesday, topping Stanford in singles matches in the third and final round by a score of 15.5 to 8.5.

The third-round victory came a day after No. 2 Texas, the top seed at the event, went 1-1 in matchups in the first two rounds Monday. The Longhorns defeated Michigan in four-ball play by a score of 12-0 in the first round before falling in foursomes to UCLA

by a score of 6.5 to 5.5 in the second round.

UCLA, the No. 4 seed, finished first at the Stanford Classic by winning all three of its matchups over the course of the two-day tournament. In addition to beating the Longhorns in the second round Monday, the Bruins defeated Georgia in the first round and Duke in the third round.

The event called for each of the eight participating teams to use six golfers in each matchup. The Longhorns were represented by



Cody Gribble
Junior

Jordan Spieth, Toni Hakula, Cody Gribble, Johnathan Schnitzer, Julio Vegas and Kramer Hickok in the tournament.

Texas' next event will take place in El Paso at the Western Refining Collegiate All-American Nov. 18-19.

WOMEN'S GOLF RECAP | JACOB MARTELLA

The Longhorns finished well short of their goal of retaining their title with a sixth-place finish in the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational Tuesday, marking the end of their fall season.

Texas tallied a three-day total of 26-over 890 in its own tournament, which it won last season.

"That's the hard part in golf," Richards said. "It's hard to feel good all the way around when your scores don't reflect it."

The Longhorns had a tough final day, shooting a 16-over

304 as sophomore Bertine Strauss birdied the fifth and 14th holes before falling from fourth to 15th place with a 7-over 79 Tuesday.

Senior Katelyn Sepmoree ended the tournament in 27th place, while fellow senior Desiree Dubreuil finished 31st.

"There's a lot we can learn from today," Strauss said. "We just need to move forward and make the best out of it."

Florida edged Alabama in the fifth tiebreaker for the team title with a 1-un-



Katelyn Sepmoree
Senior

der 863 and the Gators' Camilla Hedberg took home the individual title with a 8-under 208.

"Golf isn't about being perfect," Richards said. "If we can just get them to be a little more consistent, then we're going to be a really good team."

DAVIS

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plays where mistakes were made. Head coach Mack Brown said Davis does not drop passes during practice and his drops surprised the coaches.

Davis needs to get back to basics and focus on catching the ball before attempting to make a bigger play.

"Sometimes you just have to catch it and go down," co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin said. "It's just repping it and making that point again and saying it's okay in that situation to do that, because he's been drilled so hard [on] the other way of catching and running with it."

During his sophomore campaign, he struggled with dropped passes and only scored one touchdown. But as a freshman, his future looked bright. Davis' up-and-down career at Texas mirrors his inconsistency when it comes to catching the ball.

Although his reliability

has been questioned, in the past three games Davis was far more productive than both Jaxon Shipley and Marquise Goodwin.

Shipley has eight receptions for 84 yards, and Goodwin has caught four passes for 68 yards, while Davis has 15 receptions for 296 yards with two touchdowns during that stretch.

Davis, now a junior, is clicking with Ash.

"We're on the same page most of the time," Davis said. "We click great. It's also that way with Ship [Shipley] and Quise [Goodwin]. We're all on the same page with this group."

Texas Tech is 12th in total defense and 15th in passing defense in the country. Davis will need to be a dependable threat downfield for the Longhorns as they take on the Red Raiders.

"He's always saying, 'Give me another chance. I'll catch it the next time. Don't give up on me.' And I never will, because he's worked hard and he deserves to get the ball," Ash said.

BOWL

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[off of our shoulders]," senior safety Kenny Vaccaro said. "But honestly I think it's just the next game. We won a game. As a senior, my goals are higher than a six-win season. I'm playing for much, much more."

For Vaccaro that's a higher draft stock and, more importantly, a potential BCS bowl. Despite the team's poor play thus far, the players firmly believe if they win out to finish 10-2, the BCS is still a possibility.

ASH

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crunch-time situations.

Ash has a proven clutch gene, validated by his performance against Oklahoma State last month. The sophomore completed a 4th-and-6 pass to tight end D.J. Grant to keep the Longhorns' game-winning drive alive late in the fourth quarter. Throughout his career at Texas, in

"It's a very big deal to be bowl eligible," wide receiver Mike Davis said. "But if we win out, I feel we can still go to a BCS bowl."

Loud Lubbock atmosphere

Texas has played in some great atmospheres this season. It has played in front of 90,000 fans at the Cotton Bowl, seen the Grove in full effect at Ole Miss and saw the most raucous crowd in Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium's history for the West Virginia game.

However, it's possible that the Longhorns won't experience anything quite as unique as Jones AT&T

Stadium in Lubbock this season.

The fans come early, they're loud and often times rude — Davis claimed he had a tortilla thrown at him his freshman season — and they passionately support their team throughout the entire game.

"It's a great rivalry," quarterback Case McCoy said. "That atmosphere is going to be crazy on Saturday. I've never been, but I've always heard about it. I just know that they're out there getting ready right now. The fans are surrounding their stadium right now. It's going to be fun."

fourth-quarter plays Ash has 477 yards passing with a 65 percent completion rating and four touchdowns. Ash has one game-winning drive under his belt.

In pressure-packed situations, McCoy exceeds Ash greatly. Like Ash's 4th-and-6 completion at OSU, McCoy converted the exact same situation against Kansas on the Longhorns' game-winning drive, connecting with receiver Jaxon Shipley for an 18-yard gain. McCoy has

568 yards alongside a 64 percent completion rate and five touchdowns in fourth-quarter plays. The junior has three game-winning marches of his own, including the final drive at Texas A&M, one of the most historic Longhorn victories to date.

This weekend Texas takes on the No. 20 Red Raiders, who hold the No. 12 total defense in the country. In his career against AP-ranked teams, Ash has 971 yards passing, a 61 percent completion

Mack Brown praises Doege

Texas Tech's Seth Doege has quietly established himself as one of the best quarterbacks in college football this season.

He's thrown for 2,540 yards and 30 touchdowns, is ninth in the nation for passing efficiency and has only tossed eight interceptions. Doege, along with a vastly improved defense, has led Tech in its resurgence and earned it a 6-2 record.

"I don't see, if he's not, how Seth Doege could not be up for the Heisman," Brown said. "He is unbelievable. I haven't felt he's got the publicity he should."

percentage with five touchdowns and nine interceptions. McCoy has 654 yards passing, a 58.2 percent completion rating, six touchdowns and four interceptions.

Regardless of the comparisons, Ash has done too much for the Longhorns this season to be shelved after a couple of bad outings. However, if the sophomore struggles in Lubbock this weekend, expect to see McCoy inserted into the game to do what he does best: jumpstart the offense.

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PREVIEWS

WOMEN'S SOCCER | WES MAULSBY

Texas looked like a dark horse contender for the conference championship early in Big 12 play, but a three-game losing skid brought the Longhorns back down to earth. However, they have an altogether improved season that has allowed them to rise to the No. 4 seed in the Big 12 tournament, up from No. 5 last season.

Now the Longhorns will face rival Oklahoma for the second time this season. If they win, the Horns will potentially face West Virginia again in the semifinals.

The Longhorns and the Sooners played earlier this

TEXAS

OKLAHOMA

VS.

Date: Wednesday
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: San Antonio
On air: LHN

season in Norman, and Texas came away with a 1-0 victory. Sharis Lachappelle recorded the deciding goal in the ninth minute in a physical game where Texas fouled the Sooners 15 times and forced more than twice as many saves.

The Longhorns have not won the conference tourna-



Sharis Lachappelle
Sophomore, mid-fielder

ment since 2007 and will begin their campaign to win it again Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Blossom Soccer Stadium in San Antonio. The winner will advance to the semifinals Friday.

VOLLEYBALL | SARA BETH PURDY

On Halloween night, the No. 7 Longhorns will travel to Fort Worth to take on the TCU Horned Frogs. At the beginning of October, Texas swept TCU 3-0 in Austin for the first Big 12 conference meeting between the two schools. Overall, Texas leads the series against TCU 4-0.

While on the road, the Longhorns are hoping to continue their recent success with a 13th consecutive victory and to remain undefeated in conference play. Currently, the Longhorns are 18-3

TEXAS

TCU

VS.

Date: Wednesday
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Fort Worth
On air: ESPN

overall and 10-0 in conference play. Texas is first in the Big 12 with a two-game lead over Kansas, which has an 8-2 record in the Big 12.

TCU is currently tied with Texas Tech at seventh place in the Big 12 with a 2-7 conference record and an overall re-



Haley Eckerman
Sophomore, outside hitter

cord of 13-9. As the Longhorns roll into Fort Worth, the Horned Frogs hope to end their seven-game losing streak. Their last victory was against Tech at home in September.

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A graffiti artist tags a wall in East Austin on Cesar Chavez Street along with other graffiti art hobbyists.

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and some at the studio. It was more all over the place and less cohesive. It was definitely more of a just straightforward pop influence. We weren't going for all energy all the time; it's more melodic. We already made a super energetic record. This is for a different mood — to sit down and take in, not like a freak-out-and-destroy-your-room kind of record.

DT: If you could time travel your whole band to a different period to play the same music with the same instruments, what time period would you go to and why?

Johnson: I'd go back as far as I could! I'd probably go back to Roman times, and we'd be the only electric band and live like gods, you know? Before I time traveled, I'd do a lot of research and become an electrician and then learn how to harness electricity and then I'd plug in Marshall fucking amps and a PA and show the Romans punk. We'd either be gods or be killed.

SEX

UT Health Services ranks 15th on sexual health report card



By Milla Impola

Happy Hump-lo-ween everyone!

On this most splendid holiday, it is my great honor to inform all students, faculty, fans and rivals of The University of Texas at Austin that our university made it into the top 20 schools for The 2012 Trojan Sexual Health Report Card. Whether celebrating Halloween, Spring Break or Saturday afternoon delights, healthy Horns know how to play it safe!

The University of Texas at Austin placed No. 15 out of 141 major universities in the seventh annual Trojan Sexual Health Report Card released last week.

The report grades schools on the availability and quality of 11 categories of sexual health services accessible to students, including condom and contraceptive availability, HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and the quality of

sexual health information available to students.

In 2011, UT Austin ranked 33rd on the Trojan Sexual Health Report Card.

The University Health Services (UHS) on campus offers amazing opportunities for students to be active participants in their own sexual health. Students can participate in a Methods of Contraception Class, receive comprehensive sex education through the UHS website and get tested for HIV and STIs. UT even hosts free all-day HIV/STI Testing Days, when hundreds of willing Longhorns are tested in just one day.

"Having just entered into a new relationship, getting tested was something I knew we both needed to get done but probably would have put off if it weren't for the free testing at UT," government junior Carisa Lopez said.

Getting tested for HIV and other STIs is crucial for everyone who is sexually active. In addition, a certified condom enthusiast such as me finds it incred-

ible that all students can receive three free condoms a day at the Health Promotion Resource Center in SSB 1.106. The Longhorn-spirited condom packs even come with free lube.

Complementary to all of these services, students can request a sexual health class, such as Sex Trivia or Sex Feud, to be presented for a class or student organization. These classes, as well as the Methods of Contraception class, are taught by the dedicated healthy sexuality peer educators who are fully trained by health education coordinator Guli Fager.

"I attended one of these classes my freshman year, and I learned so many things the public school 'sex education' system had failed to teach me," UT senior Jasmine Vallejo said.

So this Hump-lo-ween — whether you're dressing up as an astronaut, sexy cat, cupcake or condom fairy — you can celebrate sexily and safely, because you attend a university that cares about your sexual health.

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time between the planting of the corn, or possibly, the time from human conception to birth, experts say. They also had a 365-day calendar, similar to our own, and the two met once every 52 years, which also matched the average life expectancy of a person living at that time, said Rebecca Storey, an anthropologist at the University of Houston.

The king, however, needed a "long count" to create a legacy, Sumners explained.

It is this count, which begins with Maya creation and ends three days before Christmas Eve, that is the focus of the end-of-the-world beliefs. This count is broken up into 13, 400-year segments, or baktuns. The last one ends on Dec. 21,

2012, and the ancient Maya believed that on Dec. 22 they would start counting again from zero, Storey said.

The date coincidentally lines up with a rare event. In 2012, the sun will pass through the center of the Milky Way during the winter solstice, when it is at its weakest — an event that occurs every 26,000 years, Sumners said. This connection, experts believe, might be behind some of the doomsday scenarios; however, there is no evidence the Maya were aware this astronomical phenomenon fell on the same day as the end of their long count.

"Most of the Maya scholars think it comes from the Christian West where the whole idea of doomsday and apocalypse is an important part of Christianity," Storey said. "It's mostly outsiders that have made that link that somehow the end

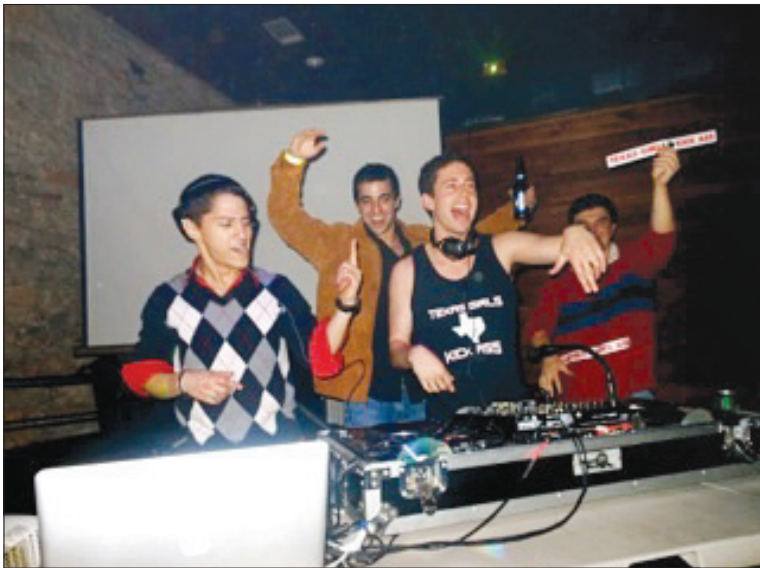
of a time cycle can be a time of destruction."

The Maya ended their long count at 13 because it is, for them, a sacred number, Storey said. They believe the end of a count is a time of renewal, and this will be the theme of many of the modern-day Maya celebrations to be held in Central American cities on Dec. 21, she added.

In reality, the Maya did suffer an "apocalypse," said Sumners, but it occurred around 900 A.D., when the classic Mayan civilization collapsed. It appears years of drought had stopped the rain.

"The reason it was such a catastrophe for them, such a collapse that they never really recovered from, it was that they overbuilt," Sumners said. "They did not create a sustainable culture if the rains didn't come, and that's what we face today."

MUSIC



Daniel Rosenwald DJing at Old School on East Sixth Street in Austin May 3, 2012. Rosenwald has been a DJ since high school and has seen the medium evolve a lot over time.

Photo courtesy of Daniel Rosenwald

Longhorns develop spin on DJing

By Lindsey Cherner

Following the likes of David Guetta, Deadmau5 and Avicii, students around campus are becoming self-taught disc jockeys and music producers, gaining a fan base and landing paid gigs.

However, with the continued support for electronic dance music, landing gigs has become harder for students who don't already have a following from their ability to produce original work.

"It's easy to start DJing, but it's hard to be a really good DJ," Jacob Velcoff, radio-television-film junior and DJ of more than three years, said. "I know kids who produce good stuff and are really boring DJs, and I also know people who DJ really well and can't produce for shit."

Velcoff had been in bands prior to becoming a DJ but said he decided to pursue the hobby to differentiate himself as an artist. He believes electronic dance music has been gaining popularity, so much so that standards are raising for DJs even at West Campus parties.

"Now that DJs have become the newest version of a rock star, a lot of people want to see a DJ throw a party with a lot of songs they recognize instead of wanting to see some guy jamming with a guitar on stage," Velcoff said.

Student DJs are playing at sorority and fraternity parties,

campus events, local bars and clubs — and making money while also creating mash-ups, remixes and original songs.

"It's a lot of slamming your head into a wall trying to find out what you're not doing right and why it doesn't sound exactly as it should in your head," Velcoff said. "When you play a great show that's cool, but when you make something come out of your speakers that you heard in your head before you did it, that's a lot more satisfying."

Daniel Rosenwald, a computer science junior and a DJ since the age of 16, broke into DJing by landing gigs at bar mitzvahs but has since expanded to bars, clubs and charity performances, even recently opening for 3LAU.

"I think young DJs have an advantage, because we grew up more closely with the technology," Rosenwald said. "It's just as much about the music as it is the technology and how quickly you can learn to use it."

He credits his success to his strong fanbase who believe in him and vouch for his work, helping him have the support he says he needs to continually receive paid offers.

"It's my passion. I love doing it," Rosenwald said. "You should do what you love, so if that means making it into a career, by all means, I'll take it as far as it can go."

American studies sophomore Sanjeev Subnani started

out with the help of Virtual DJ back in high school and has performed for a few student organizations on campus. He said being a DJ is a constant struggle and requires hours of practice each week to keep up with new trends and the changing music.

"People are forgetting the name 'disc jockey' and what it means," Subnani said. "Originally a disc jockey was someone who went on the radio to provide music and commentary. Now it's grown to be a name where if you're a DJ, you have to produce. I don't think you have to, but it's a lot easier to be unique when you make a unique beat than when you mix already-made music."

Subnani plans to work with a local DJ he met at The Aquarium that has been performing Thursday nights for as long as he can remember.

Student DJs said there is quite a bit of weight in being able to know how their music will cater to their audience. The research necessary to find the music before they even begin to plan out their live sets is what separates the students of DJing from the DJ students.

"You have to focus less on thinking a song is cool and more on what's the most effective way to capture their attention," Velcoff said. "People are beginning to demand better DJs, so the more and more the scene expands, if you don't know what you're doing people just want you out."

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lays down a mesmerizing drum beat while Boeckner delivers sheer desperation in his vocals: "So come on please believe me/Give me white give me no feelings/I would stand outside your door/I'm your man."

Overall, the album is not a show-stopping hit. Gems like "For Your Heart" and "Would That Not Be Nice" float in a sea of not-so-catchy mediocrity. As a whole, the record's sound is new wave, although Daniel said that there was no intention behind it.

"We specifically tried not to talk about any musical direction," Daniel said. "I only remember Dan saying, 'Oh we could do that or we could do this,' and we went from there. It felt natural."

A Thing Called Divine

Fits sounds just as natural as Daniel claims it was to create. The album flows from one song to the next and has a genuine quality, avoiding the label of an "indie supergroup" or a mere vanity project for artists that are well known by their own accord.

As for the rest of the year, Daniel has a simple wish: "Just to keep playing shows. We haven't gone on a proper tour yet."

ALBUM REVIEW | 'A THING CALLED DIVINE FITS'

Familiar faces form new tunes in Divine Fits

By Elizabeth Williams

It's been almost three years since Austin's hometown heroes, Spoon, released their last record, *Transference*, leaving many of their fans asking what frontman Britt Daniel was up to. The answer is a thing called Divine Fits.

Divine Fits is made up of Daniel, Dan Boeckner of Handsome Furs and Wolf Parade, and Sam Brown of New Bomb Turks. Boeckner and Daniel met at a Handsome Furs show and cultivated a mutually awe-inspired friendship, each a fan of the other's work and talent. A golden opportunity arose in the form of the breakup of Handsome Furs and hiatus of Wolf Parade.

"I met Dan in 2007," Daniel said. "We're buddies and we were talking on the phone, and he mentioned Wolf Parade was winding down, so I said, 'We should start a band.' So we did."

Thus Divine Fits was born. Their debut album, *A Thing Called Divine Fits*, was recorded over the last year and released in August 2012 to great acclaim. The album had already been recorded by the time the band played their first show in July 2012. To keep word of the project under wraps, they were billed under the name "Hot Skull."

"We had to figure out how to play the recorded songs live," Daniel said while laughing. "A song like 'My Love is Real' is a studio creation. We had to make it



Photo courtesy of Nasty Little Man

Divine Fits will perform Wednesday at Stubbs at 7p.m. This is the first proper tour for the band, comprised of Britt Daniel of Spoon, Dan Boeckner of Handsome Furs and Sam Brown of New Bomb Turks.

playable for a live show."

A Thing Called Divine Fits opens with the aforementioned "My Love is Real," a song with minimalist synth-pop hooks and equally minimalist lyrics. "My love is real/ until it stops," Boeckner sings with painful austerity. The re-

cord continues as a marriage between Boeckner's electronic tendencies and Daniel's garage rock sensibility.

The two split songwriting and vocal duties roughly fifty-fifty. Each has his distinctions: Boeckner's songs are darkly hypnotic

and full of electronic elements, while Daniel's songs have a laid-back coolness and groove. Even with these stylistic contrasts, the album is cohesive without being repetitive.

A creeping sense of gloom underlies the record in tracks

Who: Divine Fits with Cold Cave
Where: Stubb's BBQ
When: October 31, doors at 7 PM

like "For Your Heart" and "Shivers," a cover of late-'70s new wave band Boys Next Door. This gloom seeps into both the lyrics and the music. On "For Your Heart," Brown

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Photo courtesy of Bonampak Documentation Project | Associated Press

Curator Dr. Dirk Van Tuerenhout discusses murals with images of jungle monuments in Bonampak, in the Mexican state of Chiapas, that were reconstructed by Yale University.

Natural science museum exhibit elucidates doomsday calendar

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Some might prepare for the end of the world by checking off items on their bucket list. But at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, curators are launching an exhibit designed to demystify the Maya and debunk the myth that the ancient culture predicted doomsday on Dec. 21, 2012.

Visitors will walk darkened halls lined with pottery, jade carvings and black-and-white rubbings of jungle monuments, all tied in some way to the sophisticated Maya calendar. They'll sit in replicas of large, mural-filled buildings that still grace the jungles of Mexico. And they should come away with at least one thought: the sun will rise on Dec. 22.

"The calendar is there, and it will continue, so nobody ought to be afraid of what Dec. 21 will bring because there will be a Dec. 22 and, yes, there will be a Christmas," said Dirk Van

Tuerenhout, curator of the "Maya 2012 Prophecy Becomes History" exhibit opening Friday.

Nearly every item on display circles back to the Maya calendars: complex, cyclical countdowns that helped an ancient people who dwelled in the jungles, mountains and coastal regions of Central America track crucial events — especially the rain — and build large cities, some with as many as 90,000 people.

The exhibit takes visitors back nearly 3,500 years. Murals carefully reconstructed by Yale University depict images in the jungle monuments in Bonampak in the Mexican state of Chiapas — such as the Maya celebrating the induction of a new heir to the throne — all on a blood-red backdrop. Stone carvings and rubbings depict anniversaries and special events. Replicas of large pyramids explain how the Maya tracked the sun's progress in the sky, giving ancient astronomers the power to know when the rainy season

would begin and when to plant the corn.

The exhibit explains the calendars through videos showing the wheels introduced by Europeans to wed the Maya count with their own, as well as Maya inscriptions and writings. It shows how the Maya calendars — while advanced and complex — largely focused on the daily needs of a society by counting what we call days, months and years.

"So you could have time to get your festivals organized and your king ready to bleed and your sacrifices, so the astronomer actually controlled the timekeeping of the Maya," said Carolyn Sumners, the museum's vice president for astronomy, who helped create a 3D movie to accompany the exhibit. "The power of that priest and the power of that king depended on feeding these people."

The Maya did this with several calendars, each with a different count. The "ritual" cycle was 260 days long, the

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Q-AND-A |BARRY JOHNSON OF JOYCE MANOR

Joyce Manor ends tour with Fun Fun Fun Fest

By Shane Miller

What: Joyce Manor
When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 1:20-1:50 p.m.
Where: Fun Fun Fun Fest, Black Stage

Punk rock can be esoteric, but Joyce Manor's fresh take on the genre appeals to a wide audience. Having recently received critical acclaim for its debut self-titled album, the band has been touring almost nonstop since March in support of its sophomore release *Of All Things I Will Soon Grow Tired*. The band's last gig on the tour is Fun Fun Fun Fest.

The Daily Texan spoke with vocalist and guitarist Barry Johnson about touring and the new record.

The Daily Texan: How would you describe your music to a set of fresh ears?
Barry Johnson: Uh, we're a band. We have guitars, bass, drums and vocals. We're kind of loud and kind of annoying.

DT: Why is your band called Joyce Manor?
Johnson: It was the name of an apartment building by my house, and it sounded pretty dynamic. A while ago I had a thrash band, and at first I

was going to use it as my fake stage name, but my friend Shaun called me and asked if my old band wanted to play a show but we had broken up, so I said my new band would like to play the show. I didn't even have a band, so [guitar player] Chase [Knobbe] and I threw a couple of acoustic songs together. It was in a short amount of time and out of necessity, and we've come a long way since then, but the name just kind of stuck.

DT: Looking at your tour history, it looks like you've been touring almost all year. How's the experience been for you?
Johnson: It's been cool but exhausting. It's something I've always wanted to do, but it's like working at a book store; you think it would be the best thing in the world, and then you realize that there's elements you like and

don't like, unless you're the person where you like everything about something. You kind of idealize the field of work you want to get into. This is our first experience with lengthy amounts of touring, but it's just so exhausting, and it can affect you negatively. After five days we're going to get back for eight months.

DT: Of All Things seemed like an eccentric combination of styles. You have a cover of "Video Killed The Radio Star," two acoustic songs and kind of weird lo-fi production. What drove you to make this transition from the self-titled album?
Johnson: We were a lot more influenced by Guided By Voices in the way it was set up, especially the sequencing. We had different stuff, like certain songs recorded at home

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California punk band Joyce Manor will be performing on the Black Stage at Fun Fun Fun Fest on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1:20-1:50.

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